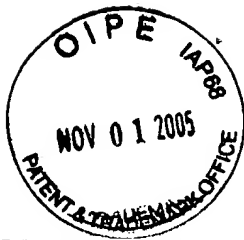


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) Japan 09-034664
- (2) Japan 11-085415
- (3) Japan 10-049386
- (4) Japan 06-301553
- (5) Japan 09-185473
- (6) Japan 05-128072

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These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese application corresponding to the above-identified application, namely Japan 2002-329703. Documents (1) and (2) were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated March 24, 2005, and documents (3) to (6) were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated August 26, 2005. Copies of both Office Actions are enclosed.

It is noted that U.S. Patent 5,559,979 is an English language counterpart of Japan 05-128072. English language abstracts each of the documents and translations for each of documents (1) to (5) have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of these documents is believed to be satisfied by one of the enclosed English language counterpart, the English language abstracts and the translations. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the RCE filed on September 29, 2005, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

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